



Brownfields 2016 Assessment Grant Fact Sheet Virginia, MN

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Assessment Grant

\$517,500 for hazardous substances

\$32,500 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Virginia for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 24 Phase I environmental site assessments. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase II environmental site assessments and prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct one Phase II environmental site assessment and prepare one cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community outreach activities. The target area for this grant is the Mesabi Iron Range area in northeastern Minnesota. The city's coalition partners are Balkan Township, and the Cities of Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Bovey, Buhl, Chisholm, Coleraine, Cook, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hoyt Lakes, Keewatin, Marble, Nashauk, and Taconite.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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